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PROCEEDINGS.

Thursday, Oct. 13th, 1846.

The Convention convened in the Baptist Church in Raleigh at 3 o'clock P. M. Rev. Thomas Meredith, the former President, took the chair and read the 72nd Psalm, after which he led in prayer.

J. B. White and Wm. T. Brooks were appointed a committee on Finance.

Delegates were then called on to report themselves and were enrolled as follows:

AUXILIARIES.	DELEGATES.	POST OFFICES.
Raleigh Association	J. C. Marcum, D. S. Williams, E. Holland, T. Crocker, L. H. Hinton, J. S. Purify, L DuPre.	Holly Spring.
Beulah Asso'n	E. Dodson, T. D. Oldham, O. Wallace, A. Timberlake, J. Settle, T. W. Graves, J. Robertson, S F. Faucett, B. Graves, S. Gentry, J. M. Lindsay, Z. Neal, T. J. Volentine, A. Graves, J. J. Yarborough, J. J. James, W. A. Whitfield, E. W. West, J. Kerr, S. Wait, W. Russell, R. W. Lawson, S. S. Lea, N. J. Palmer, P. Hadnett. Z. Patillo, S. Whilled, S. H. Nelson, J. Redding, H. A. Howard, C. Brooks.	Milton.
Sandy Creek Asso.	Wm. Lineberry, Jno. Thompson.	
Pee Dee U. M.	Dixon Ingram,	Lilesville.
Wake Forest Ch.	S. Wait, J. B. White, M. T. Yates, J. M. Merriam, J. P. Montague, S. G. O'Brian, W. L. Crocker, Wm. Jordan, H. B. Folk, A. McDowell, A. R. Vann, J. C. Everett, G. M. L. Finch, J. B. Jackson, W. T. Waltiers.	Forestville.
Society of Inquiry,	Wm. T. Brooks,	"
Raleigh Ch.	J. J. Finch, T. Meredith, M. B Royster, W. W. Vass, J. F. Jordan, J. J. Biggs, T. Jenkins, J. D. Nunn, J. R. King, G. W. Collins, P. F. Pescud.	Raleigh.
Conoconary Ch.	E. Powell.	Halifax.
Western Convention,	Wm. Lineberry.	Fair View.
Piney Grove Miss. Soc.	E. Howell.	South Quay.
Perry's Chapel,	Levin Perry.	Louisburg.
Rich'd Dowd,	Wm. Jones.	Chapel Hill.
Bethel ch.	C. W. Skinner.	Hertford.
S. S. Biddle,	S S Biddle.	Newbern.
Yeopim Ch.,	C W Skinner.	
Union Asso.	J McDaniel, A J Battle, C C Oates, F B Millard.	Wilmington.
Newbern Ch.	R Furman, E Clark, J C Stevenson	Newbern.
Smith's Ch.,	G M Thompson.	Murfreesboro

AUXILIARIES.	DELEGATES.	POST OFFICES.
Haywood Mis So.	J Soloman.	Louisburg.
Tarboro' ch.,	M Bennett.	Tarboro'.
Fellowship ch.,	C Rogers.	
Concord ch.	Wm Y Clark,	
Bethel ch ,	R Newton.	
Flat Rock ch.,	Isaac Winston.	Franklinton.
Hester's ch.,	H Hester, T B Currin.	Oxford.
Mt. Gilliad Mis. Soc.	H M Dawson.	C inton.
Island Ford,	Mark May.	Walnut Lane.
Cedar Fork ch.—J Hudson, A McGee, R Witherspoon, A S Jones, J. Dennis.		
Chowan Asso.—E Forbs, H Speight, J G Barkley, L Sanderlin, W Stallings, S J Wheeler.		Murfreesboro.
Pleasant Grove ch.,	G C Moore.	St. John's.
Sandy Run ch.,	A M Craig	Britton's X R's
Cole Rain ch ,	J Nowell, J Briton, J Wilson.	Cole Rain.
Conaritsa ch ,	W W Mitchell.	St. John's.
Bertie U. M.,	J L Grimes.	"
Peedee U. Ch ,	W T Williams, Dixon Ingram.	Lilesville.
Smithfield ch,	W R Moore.	Smithfield.
Liberty Asso,	R J Devin.	Lexington.
Yadkin Asso,	J B Roby.	Walnut Lane.
Flat River Asso,	Wm H Jordan, T B Barnett.	Abram's Pla's.
Tar River Asso,	J B Solomon.	Louisburg.
Tabbs' Creek ch.	W Parham.	Oxford.
Cathie church,	J S Taylor.	Windsor.
Beulah, "	M C Blount.	Clinton.
Louisburg "	G Lewis.	Louisburg.
Pee Dee Asso,	A N Nicholson.	Rockingham.
Carthledge Creek ch,	A Dockery.	Dockery's S'e.
Sandy, Cross "	Q H Trotman.	

On motion, proceeded to the appointment of officers. Rev. Thomas Meredith was elected President. J. B. White, J. J. James, and N. J. Palmer were appointed a committee to nominate the other officers of the Convention, including the Board of Managers.

J. J. Finch, J. J. Biggs, and Levin Perry were appointed a committee on religious services, during the session of the Convention.

The Convention concurred in the arrangement of business as published in the Recorder.

N. J. Palmer presented a resolution relating to missions which was laid on the table.

W. W. Vass was appointed assistant Secretary.

Adjourned until to morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. J. James.

Thursday night at 7 o'clock the Introductory sermon, according to appointment, was preached by Rev. Wm. T. Brooks, of Wake Forest College, from 1 Cor. x. 31.

Friday 9 o'clock, A. M.

Convention met. President read the 19th Ps., and Rev. J. B. Taylor led in prayer.

On motion it was made the duty of the committee on Finance to ascertain who are delegates to this Convention.

Messengers from corresponding bodies being invited to report themselves, Rev. J. B. Taylor appeared for the Foreign Mission Board of S. B. C. and H. K. Ellyson for the Genl. Association of Va.

The committee to nominate officers for the Convention reported and were discharged.

The Report of the Board was called for and read by the Secretary.

N. J. Palmer, J. G. Barkley, W. T. Brooks, R. Furman and Wm. Jones, were appointed on that part of the Report which relates to changes in our organization.

J. J. James, J. McDaniel, and C. W. Skinner, were appointed on the part which relates to Beneficiaries.

A J. Battle, S. S. Biddle, and B. Graves, were appointed on that part which relates to auxiliaries.

On motion, the Constitution and by-laws were read by the Secretary.

Moved that the report of the standing committee on Foreign Missions be taken up to-morrow at 1 o'clock A M., and the reports of the other standing committees in regular succesion after.

The committee on auxiliaries were instructed to report on verbal alterations in the report of the Board.

D. S. Williams, Wm. Lineberry, and J. J. Biggs were appointed to recommend a place and preachers for the next Convention.

Moved that the committee on organization report early to-morrow morning.

Adjourned till to morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. R. Furman.

Saturday 9 o'clock, A. M.

Convention met according to adjournment. The 103 Ps. was read by the President, and Rev. J. McDaniel led in prayer.

The committee on organization reported, recommending the organization of three Boards, viz: one for Home Missions, one for Foreign Missions, and one for Education, to be located in different sections of the State, and to consist of fifteen members each. The Home Mission Board to attend to the destitution of our own State; the Foreign Mission Board to co-operate with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; and the Education Board to the education of young men preparing for the ministry; each Board to appoint its own officers, adopt its own by-laws and regulations, and five members to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The Report was received, the committee discharged, and the recommendations were concurred in by the Convention.

On motion, bro. Taylor's name was added to the delegation from the General Association of Va.

T. Crocker, A. J. Battle and S. J. Wheeler were appointed to propose such changes in the Constitution as may be necessary to adapt it to the recommendations in the Report on organization.

The Report from the standing committee on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. J. J. James, and after remarks by brethren Taylor and Yates, it was received and ordered to be published with the Minutes. It was as follows:

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to make the following report:—Our enterprise for the conversion to God of the heathen nations of the earth is evidently gaining upon the hearts of christians.—At no former period in modern times has the church so generally or so deeply felt the importance of Foreign Missions. The great commission of our Saviour, and other portions of Scripture, relating to the universal spread of the Gospel, are becoming better understood; and while there are comparatively few now to be found in christendom, who do not acknowledge the obligation of the church, to send the Gospel to the heathen; the labors, the prayers, and the contributions of many, are annually increasing for the promotion of this noble enterprise. Nor is the conversion of idolatrous nations any longer problematical. The success which has already crowned modern missions, has shown, beyond a doubt, the feasibility of sending the Gospel to every land; and God in the wise and gracious dispensations of his providence has evidently been preparing the nations for the reception of his truth. The hearts of kings and rulers have been turned from their allegiance to the prince of darkness, and the most deep rooted national and religious prejudices have given way before the pure doctrines of the cross. God has smiled upon our Missions in Europe. Under his over ruling hand, an Oncken has been enabled, by the truth, to break through the strong barriers of a state religion, to drive back the current of philosophical speculation and rationalism, and plant in the heart of Germany, a pure christianity. Denmark, France, Greece, and other portions of continental Europe, have been made to receive to some extent the truth as it is in Jesus. Different portions of benighted Africa, whose sad history is replete with the degredation, crimes, oppression, and ignorance of its inhabitants, have recently been visited with the lamp of life; and in accordance with prophecy, Ethiopia is now streching out her hands unto God, and imploring the assistance of his people. Many of the Isles of the sea have been made glad for the knowledge and presence of the Saviour. Asia, however, has been the principal theatre of our Foreign Missions. In that large and densly populated portion of the Globe, the Baptists of England, and America, have performed the largest part of their Missionary labors. The Scriptures have been translated into most of the languages and dialects of its numerous nations, and Baptist churches have been planted, to which several thousand converts from idolatry have already been added. Success has thus far crowned our Missions in Asia; and by the direction of an all-wise Providence, recent events have conspired to open in this quarter of the Globe to our zeal and love another field more inviting than any that has yet been presented to the eye of christian philanthropy. China, which has heretofore, by her strange and seclusive policy, been shut up to the influence of the truth, is now open with her three hundred millions of population to the

labors of the christian Missionary. To the occupancy of this most inviting field the Southern portion of American Baptists seem, by the indications of Providence, to be specially directed. In the deliberations of the Southern Baptist Convention, recently held in Richmond, Va., China was deemed the most important and promising foreign field which could engage the labors of that body. The success which has attended the labors of brethren Shuck and Roberts in Canton has encouraged our Foreign Board to send out others to labor in that populous city under her patronage. Brethren Pearcy and Clopton of Virginia, sailed in June last. In a few weeks brethren Shuck and Yong Seen Sarng, (a Chinese convert and preacher,) who are now visiting the churches of the South, are expected to leave this country for China, accompanied by several other youthful Missionaries under the direction of our Foreign Board. Among these is one from our own State—brother M. T. Yates, a native of N. C., and graduate of Wake Forest College. Let us remember him in our daily supplications and pray that God may make him the honored instrument of turning many idolaters to the service of the true God. Before concluding this report your committee are constrained to allude to the importance of the crisis which awaits us in relation to our Foreign Mission department. Never before have the Baptists in the South and West occupied a position so important and responsible. Their separate organization has opened to them new facilities for effort and devolved upon them additional and more weighty responsibilities. God is opening to them new fields of labor, and saying in His word and providence, go in and possess the land. Will not the Baptists in North Carolina step forth and unite in promoting this grand and holy enterprize? Will they not consecrate a portion of their resources for turning the nations from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Let us not be behind our brethren of other States, but provoke one another to zeal and to good works. Let us labor more, pray more, and give more for the diffusion of the Gospel among the heathen nations of the earth.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. JAMES, *Ch'm.*

The following resolutions were offered by N. J. Palmer and adopted: *Resolved*, That the Convention approve of the recommendation of the Southern Baptist Convention, which met at Richmond, Va., for the observance of the monthly concert of prayer for the revival of genuine religion, and the success of the gospel throughout the earth, and that collections be taken up at the same time to aid those objects.

Resolved, That the churches and brethren in the bounds of this Convention, be respectfully requested to carry out the objects of this resolution, and to observe the first Sabbath or Monday afternoon in each month as the time of meeting for that object.

Resolved, That the MISSIONARY JOURNAL, published under the direction of the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, at $1 00 per annum, be recommended to the patronage of the brethren throughout the State, and that extracts from it be read at the monthly concert for prayer.

Rev. R. Furman offered the following resolution which was adopted: *Resolved*, That we cordially approve of the action of the Raleigh Association in pledging themselves to the support of brother Yates, recently appointed Missionary to China, and

his wife. We behold in this event cheering indications of an increase of the missionary spirit, for which we rejoice, and bless the God of Missions.

On motion the Financial Committee were instructed to audit and settle the Agent's account.

Adjourned to half past 2 o'clock.

Half past 2 o'clock, P. M.

Convention met. Prayer by bro. Dennis. Committee on Finance reported.

Rev. R. Furman offered the following resolution which was adopted: *Resolved*, That the Secretaries of this Convention be requested to publish in the Minutes such statistical information as they may be able to secure, concerning the number of Associations, churches, and members in fellowship in North Carolina. Also the names of the Baptist Ministers in the State, *with their post offices.*

The Convention now gave way to the Publication Society, according to previous arrangement, and adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by bro. James.

On Sabbath at 11 o'clock, A. M., Rev. J. McDaniel preached the sermon in behalf of the Convention in the Baptist Church, from John xii. 31., at the close of which a collection was taken up amounting to $52.

At 3 o'clock, P. M., Rev. R. Furman preached from 1 Cor. xv. 58.

At night M. T. Yates was ordained as missionary to China. Introductory prayer by Rev. J. Dennis; sermon by Rev. T. Meredith, from 2. Tim. iv. 2.; charge by Rev. J. B. Taylor; Bible presented by Rev. R. Furman; right hand of fellowship by Rev. S. Wait; last hymn and benediction by the candidate. At the close of the last Hymn 20 individuals contributed $5 each to the support of bro. Yates as Missionary, and several other smaller amounts were obtained making in all about $130.

Monday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Convention met. Prayer by bro. May.

The Secretary read a communication from "the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina." Moved that the President reply in behalf of this body.

Moved, that the number of persons necessary be recommended from which a selection may be made to fill vacances in the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College. The following were subsequently recommended: Hon. Wm. A. Graham, Capt. John Berry, Rev. William Hooper, D. D., William Russell, R. W. Lawton, Sidney S. Lea, Rev. R. Furman, John Hill, Wm. Lineberry, Rev. J. McDaniel, H. E. Royal, Wm. H. Jordan, H. Hester and S. B. Carroway.

The committee on place and preachers for the next Convention made their Report containing the following recommendations, which were adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention hold its next annual session with the FRIENDSHIP CHURCH, Cumberland County, South West of this place, and directly on the stage line from this place to Fayetteville; and that bro. G. W. Purify preach the Introductory sermon, and bro. J. Dennis be his alternate; that bro. R. Furman preach the Conventional sermon, and W. H. Jordan be his alternate.

On motion agreed to commence the next session on Thursday preceeding the third Lord's day in October 1847, and that the Introductory sermon be preached at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Report of the committee on auxiliaries was read by the chairman, and after some alteration was adopted. The following is the Report as amended:

Your Committee to whom was referred that part of the Report of the Board that relates to Auxiliaries and verbal corrections, beg leave to report: That in their opinion it is very desirable that all our Associations should become auxiliaries to the Convention, at the same time leaving each church to exercise their own choice whether to send their contributions direct to the Convention, or to send them up through their associations. The nature or extent of this auxiliaryship may call forth diversity of sentiment. Your committee, however, would recommend that all our Associations, engaged in benevolent efforts, be solicited by direct communication from your corresponding Secretary, to become auxiliaries to the Convention, so far at least as to report their Domestic Missionaries to the Convention, their time of service, amount of compensation, and success in their labors. Also, that they be requested to become auxiliaries in raising funds for the Foreign Mission cause, and for the Education department, and also to aid in raising funds to enable the Convention to supply the destitute regions of our State. Your committee, therefore, recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary open a correspondence with each of our benevolent Associations, and solicit them to become auxiliaries to the Convention upon some of the plans recommended in this report.

Your committee not having the Report of the Board before them, have found it impracticable to attend to their duty in making verbal corrections, and beg to be discharged from that part of their duty.

All of which is respectfully submitted. A. J. BATTLE, Ch'm.

The clause in the Report of the Board which had been objected to, was then stricken out.

Committee on Finance reported—Report recommitted.

The Report of the Board was ordered to be published.

The Committee on alterations in the constitution reported. Report received and committee discharged. See constitution.

The Committee to recommend persons for a Board of Managers instructed to recommend a list for all three Boards.

On motion it was agreed that the Home Mission Board be located in Raleigh; the Foreign Mission Board at Yanceyville; and the Board of Education at Wake Forest College, N. C.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M. Prayer by bro. Devin.

3 o'clock P. M.

Convention met. Prayer by bro. James.

The committee on Home Missions presented the following report:

The Committee on Home Missions would respectfully submit the following report: Since the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention and our disconnection with the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the attention of the Convention and its Board of Managers has been more particularly directed to this branch of its operations, and at the first session of the Board after the adjournment of the last Convention an increased number of Missionaries were appointed to labor within the bounds of the different Associations in this State. For a detailed account of the operations and success of those appointed, the Convention is referred to the annual report of the Board and the reports of the missionaries themselves. Your Committee would, however, urge upon the Convention, and upon their brethren throughout its bounds, an increased attention and renewed zeal in this important arm of its operations, believing, as they do, that upon its success depends in no small degree every other branch of its operations. Let our own people feel and experience the benefits and diffusive blessings of the Gospel of Peace, they will then appreciate its importance and see the necessity, and be made sensible of the obligations imposed on them to be instrumental in sending it to other nations and people, who are now in the regions of darkness, enveloped by ignorance, superstition, and idolatry.

A Domestic Missionary should be forthwith appointed to travel and preach for the ensuing year within the bounds of each Association connected with the Convention, or within the range of its operations, and the Missionaries so appointed should act as Colporteurs in the sale of Baptist publications and also be instructed to raise what funds they could towards their support, the deficiency to be made up from the funds of the Convention.

A missionary appointed to labor within the bounds of one of our smallest Associations (the Beulah) the past year, has had his salary more than made up and fully paid by funds raised within the bounds of that body. Every other Association can, if they will, do the same.

The great advantage of having an efficient and zealous Missionary to visit statedly all the churches and destitute neighborhoods within the bounds of each Association, and to aid the pastors of churches at the proper season of the year in holding protracted meetings, must be evident to all, and experience has demonstrated its utility. It is a connecting link to bind the churches more closely together, and to encourage the hearts and strengthen the hands of the members in the important work of building up the Redeemer's Kingdom.

As the Board of Foreign Missions for the Southern Convention will probably appoint agents for each State within its bounds, your committee, with all due deference, would respectfully submit to the Convention the propriety and expediency of so amending its Constitution as to confine its operations to Home Missions and Education. These two objects are so intimately connected and dependent on each other that they cannot well be separated. Every young man educated for the ministry by the Convention should be required to devote several years of labor either in the Foreign or Home Missionary field. It will the better prepare them for the duties of a pastor and the stated ministry. More interest would then be felt by the churches in educating and preparing poor but pious young men called of God and licensed by them to preach the gospel.

In conclusion, your committee would say that the field of operations is large and inviting, let us occupy it without any unnecessary delay, and we doubt not, the Lord of the Harvest will bless our exertions and crown them with abundant success.

All of which is respectfully submitted. N. J. PALMER, *Ch'm.*

Moved that the Committee on Finance settle with the Missionaries.

The following persons were appointed as Messengers to the South Carolina Convention: R. Furman, J. J. James, J. C. Stevenson, J. B. White, and D. S. Williams.

To the general Association of Virginia: J. J. Finch, J. J. James, J. McDaniel, L. DuPre, A. J. Battle, T. Meredith, J. S. Purify, J. J. Biggs, N. J. Palmer, and John Kerr.

To the Western Convention: N. J. Palmer, Wm. Jones, Wm. Lineberry, Mark May, J. J. James, J. Robertson, L. DuPre, S. S. Biddle, and T. Meredith.

Agreed that any member of the Convention who may attend the above mentioned bodies may be recognized as a delegate.

The Board of Home Missions were instructed to employ an Agent for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Beneficiaries presented the following report, which was adopted and the committee discharged:

Your committee to whom was submitted that part of the Report of the Board which relates to Beneficiaries, submit the following—

In the opinion of your committee, the arrangement suggested by the Board, would present facilities to beneficiaries, but little, if any more favorable, than those which might be obtained in almost any Institution of learning. Instead of requiring of them *Notes for their Board, bearing date from the time they quit College*, it is thought the better, simply to earnestly request them, after finishing their Education, to refund as much of the amount which has been expended upon them, excepting their tuition, as they may find means to do, without subjecting themselves to too great embarrassment.

All of which is espectfully submitted.

J. McDaniel, Ch'm.

Adjourned till to morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by bro. Purify.

Tuesday 9 o'clock, A. M.

Convention met. President read the 42d Psalm. Prayer by bro. Wait.

Moved, that the Education Board meet at Wake Forest College on Saturday before the 2d Lord's day in November next.

Treasurer reported.

Wm. T. Brooks appointed Auditor of Treasurer's Report.

Moved, that the $38 50, which the Secretary expended in the service of the Convention, be refunded.

Moved, that the Tresurer settle for the printing of last Minutes.

The following resolution was adopted.

Whereas, the Board of this Convention appointed Delegates to the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention, upon funds anticipated to be received at this session, therefore,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this body, said act of the Board, under the circumstances of the case, is cordially approved by this body.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the draft drawn on him, on which a part of the Delegates obtained seats in the Southern Convention, in Richmond in June last.

Moved, that the verbal report of the Committee on Education be received, and the Committee be discharged.

The Financial Committee made a final report, and were discharged. Report ordered to be printed.

The Home Mission Board, were instructed to take some steps to pay the balance due the missionaries, &c.

On motion, the name of bro. James was substituted for that of brother Winston, on the Board of Education.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That John Kerr, G. W. Thompson, Calvin Graves, Rev. T. Meredith and J. J. Finch, be appointed a committee to make application for, and obtain from the next General Assembly of North Carolina, a Charter or Act of Incorporation, for this Convention, and report to the next annual meeting.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, unanimously, that the thanks of this Convention be, and they are hereby, tendered to the President thereof, for the able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of presiding officer during this session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered to Rev. J. J. Finch for his laborious and valuable services as Secretary for the past year, and that he be allowed the sum of fifty dollars, to be paid equally out of the joint funds of the Convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches for the use of their houses of worship; to the owners and directors of public conveyances to and from Raleigh; to the committee of this church for their prompt attention; and to the citizens of Raleigh for the kind and hospitable manner in which we have been entertained.

Resolved, That a copy of the above be presented to the city papers for publication.

The Clerk was instructed to have 2000 copies of the Minutes printed and distributed.

A motion being carried to adjourn to the time and place of the next annual meeting, the President closed the service by giving out the hymn,

"Blest be the tie that binds," &c.

After which he implored the Divine blessing on the proceedings of the Convention, and dismissed with the apostolic benediction.

At night Rev. S. Wait preached a very impressive sermon from the words, "But godliness with contentment is great gain." Thus ended one of the most interesting and important sessions of the Convention ever held, and we pray that great good may follow.

THOMAS MEREDITH, *President.*

JOSIAH J. FINCH, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina was brought into existence under circumstances which place it among the works of God. The individuals who aided in its formation felt themselves called on by providential indications which they did not feel at liberty to resist, to organize an Institution through which the resources of our Denomination, in this State, might be more efficiently exerted for the spiritual good of men at home and abroad. They saw that something must be done to train up an efficient ministry, and then to retain them among us after they are qualified, or the important field in our State would either go uncultivated, or fall into other hands. While other States and other Denominations were combining their means and efforts for increasing the efficiency of their ministry, and giving a wider circulation to their sentiments, it was impossible for the Baptists of this State to maintain their ground, much less make any advancement, without some plan of general co-operation. The forces to be overcome were too powerful—the destitution to be supplied was too extensive—for individual effort, or that of small bodies to be successful. Local Missionary Societies were first tried; but being found insufficient for the demands of the case, they were merged into a State Convention at Greenville, Pitt county, A. D. 1830.

Thus it will be seen that the Convention has been in existence sixteen years. Despite the flaging zeal of many of its friends, and the prejudice and opposition of its enemies, it has lived through changes and difficulties which have proved destructive to many other bodies.—Nor has it lived in vain. It has not, it is true, accomplished as much as it ought, and as much as it would, had it been more liberally sustained by the Denomination generally; but the good it has effected is worth all their toil, and sacrifice, and means expended in its behalf. It has originated a College for the education of our sons, which is destined to impart incalculable benefits to our State in general, as well as to our Denomination in particular. It started our Periodical, which has done more, perhaps, than any single instrumentality to dissiminate correct sentiments among our people. It

has educated several ministers, and among these a missionary who is soon to embark for China. It has sent the gospel to many destitute sections—established many new churches—strengthened many feeble ones—and turned multitudes of sinners into the way of life.

But these are only the first fruits of a richer harvest yet to be gathered. The seed sown requires time to bring its fruit to perfection, and those who sow in tears have the promise that they "shall return with joy, bringing their sheaves with them." Many have not the patience to wait the slow operations of Providence in developing great works. The whole result must show itself at once, or they become discouraged and retire.—This is one reason why many early friends of the Convention have become lukewarm; they seem to have calculated that, within a few years, it would succeed in filling every pulpit, and supplying every community with an intelligent minister; and because this has not been done as rapidly as they anticipated they have become discouraged. But the opposition which we have to encounter from those who ought to be our "fellow-helpers"—the ignorance we have to enlighten—the prejudice we have to subdue, and the parsimony and covetousness which prevail to an alarming extent among our people, require patience and long continued effort to ensure success. The operations of the past year will, we trust, furnish some evidence of improvement in our affairs, and suggest some motives to renewed effort and liberality; and to these we now invite attention.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

The Constitution, as altered at the last meeting of the Convention, requires the Board to meet monthly instead of semiannually, as formerly, and with this requisition the Board have complied as strictly as circumstances would allow. Up to June last the monthly meetings were kept up regularly; since then, in consequence of the absence of some of the members, we have not always been able to get a quorum; but it is believed that nothing has been omitted which claimed attention.

AGENCY.

Rev. J. Dennis, who was appointed Agent of the Convention during its last session, declined the appointment in consequence of private business, and engagements with his churches, which he found it impractiable to relinquish. The Board, accordingly, appointed Rev.

Wm. Lineberry to this post at their meeting in Nov. who accepted the appointment and entered upon the duties of his office in the month of December following. From that time to the 25th of September last, which is the date of his last report to the Secretary, he laboured 246 days; travelled 3200 miles; preached 147 sermons; gave 170 lectures on the objects of the Convention; and visited 55 counties in the State. He was well received in the several communities which he visited, and it is hoped that the good results of his labors may be seen at the present meeting, and for years to come; but up to the period of our last advices the funds collected had fallen considerably below our expectations. A successful Agent must possess a rare combination of qualifications; besides being a good man and a good preacher, he must possess financial abilities, and be able to originate and carry out some efficient scheme for raising funds. There is no post in our operations of greater importance than that of the Agency;—it is the fly-wheel to all our machinery,—nor is there any sphere in which the best talents may be exerted to more advantage. Under present circumstances an effective agency is indispensable to the success of our plans. The time may come when we can do without it; but that time has not yet arrived, nor do we look for it soon. Many churches are without pastors, and of course will do nothing without prompting; and many pastors need themselves to be prompted, and enlisted more earnestly in the work, before they will press their people to do their duty in this department.

MISSIONARIES.

Five out of nine missionaries appointed by the Board, accepted their appointments, and have occupied the respective fields assigned them. Rev. Mark Bennett was appointed to labor six months in the bounds of the Kehukee Association; he entered upon his duties the 15th of December, and from that time to the date of his last report, July 29, he travelled 1652 miles; preached 148 sermons; visited 221 families; and held nine prayer meetings. It will thus be seen that bro. Bennett, like the first missionaries in the days of the Apostles, preached the word from house to house; and it is believed that as much, if not more good, has been done by these private conversations and prayers with families, as by the public preaching of the word; for such are the prejudices of the people in that section that they cannot be reached in any other way.

The reports of bro. B., which have come to the Board

regularly and well filled with needed information, exhibit a most woful state of things in the region in which he has labored. It affords us no pleasure to hold up these dark pictures to the public gaze; but fidelity requires a statement of facts, which we think it best to give in the language of the missionary himself, as he certainly has had ample opportunity of ascertaining the certainty of the facts which he states. Under date of Feb. 25, he says: "The professing community," of all denominations, "exhibits generally a mournful state of declension. Many of the preachers possess scarcely a single qualification of a Bishop, especially of the Anti order; and many churches tolerate dram drinking to that excess that half the number of their white male members are given daily to intoxication!"

In his report of July 27, he says: "The state of religion is low, very low. Numerous vicious influences are in active and continued operation. Covetousness, intemperance, profane swearing, Sabbath breaking, and fraud, are fashionable vices. Add to these, treating during electioneering campaigns, neglect of children's education, together with envy, malice, and evil speaking." In another part of the same report he says: "The opposition to the mission cause still continues to rage. In most places where the Antis have a right they have closed their doors, and have deceived the people by the circulation of silly stories, by which they still frighten them away from hearing the missionaries. * * * * I am utterly at a loss what to say, or what course to recommend as to the Kehukee field. To give it up, I dislike very much; to continue seems almost like throwing away labor; as it appears to prevent people from reflecting by keeping them enraged. I am convinced, however, that it is unnecessary for *me* to labor among them any longer." In another report of earlier date, he says: "If the Convention shall judge best to keep one or more missionaries in this field for the future, I am convinced that it would better serve the Board and the cause of God to make a new selection. It requires a man of extraordinary activity, and uncommon prudence, who has never offended these people by any change of views on the mission question." Again he says: "The Anti brethren have abated nothing of their denominational hostilities, nor have they resorted to any more hallowed means of opposing the spread of the gospel. They yet close the doors, even of free churches against us, and sedulously labor to prevent their congregations from attending our preaching." Prophetic with these facts before

us it requires no prophetic power to tell what must be the fate of these people, sooner or later. With growing corruption in their own ranks—a decline of public morals under their influence—and opposing as they do all attempts at improvement, they must become continually more disgusting to people of discernment, and finally terminate their anti-christian career by their own folly and madness.

But gloomy and discouraging as this field is at present, there are some inducements to hope that a change will take place for the better. Speaking of the people generally, bro. B. says: "I do think they will have been churched by some denomination before another generation shall have passed away. But that one cannot be the Antis. The Episcopalians and Methodists both stand a better chance than they. Yet I opine that mission Baptists—ministers "of the right kind,"—can do more than any others, because baptism faithfully pressed upon them will carry the day. *The popular faith is Baptist.*" Respecting the results of his own labors he says: "I think my mission has not been in vain. Some three or four have professed to be converted under my ministry; some have appeared to be cut to the heart; and the tears of joy have often trickled under the words of sweet consolation. * * * * My hopes of doing good arise more from visiting families, and singing, praying, and conversing with them, than from preaching.—Of these I do much, as my reports will show. Often is my heart made glad with seeing that my visits have not only been welcome, but comfortable, and sometimes joyful. The sick as well as the healthy have expressed their pleasure, and the cordial smile, and affectionate look, or more expressive tear, has scattered along my road for miles a fragrancy sweeter than all the odors from the gardens of sensual pleasure." From these statements a pretty correct opinion may be formed respecting the Kehukee region, as a field of missionary labor.

Rev. R. J. Devin was appointed at the first meeting of the Board after the adjournment of the Convention, to labor in the bounds of the Liberty and Yadkin Associations for twelve months. He entered upon the duties of his mission soon after receiving the appointment, and was assiduously employed to the 6th of December, at which time he was taken sick, from which he did not recover till the first of April following. From his last report we learn that he labored seven months for the Convention, during which time he preached 140 sermons and travelled over 2000 miles. At the places he

attended he says, "over 100 persons professed faith in Christ."

Rev. John Robertson was appointed missionary for six months, to labor in the counties of Stokes, Surry and Guilford. From his last report we learn that he labored 185 days; travelled 1507 miles; preached 119 sermons; baptised 60 persons; organized 4 Sabbath Schools, and 3 arms to the Madison church—one with 15, another with 14, and a third with 9 members. His field is large and inviting.

Rev. Elias Dodson was appointed by the Convention to labor under the direction of the Board of the Beulah Association. He travelled during the Associational year 4530 miles; preached 212 sermons; and sold books to the amount of $164 25. He, as well as brother Robertson, speaks of the great destitution in Guilford, Stokes and Rockingham counties—in the first of which there is no Baptist minister or missionary church, "though it is one of the largest counties in the State."

At the meeting of the Board in Jan. it was agreed to allow fifty dollars to bro. West if he would preach once a month in Milton and once a month in some other place which he might select himself—till the meeting of the Convention. The proposal was accepted by bro. West, and he has been preaching at Milton and Roxboro.

Rev. Zechariah Neal was appointed to labor for three months in Guilford and Western part of Orange; but we have received no account of his labors.

Such are the facts connected with our missionary labors in this State, as far as we are able to present them at present, during the Conventional year just closed.—For the want of full reports from all the missionaries we are unable to state the exact amount of our indebtedness for missionary labor, and also the amount of funds collected. Had the course been pursued which we hope yet to see adopted, we should be able to present in our Report our expenses and resources; as it is, we must wait for further developments to see how we stand in these respects.

BENEFICIARIES.

At our last session there were four beneficiaries under the patronage of the Board, who were continued. At the meeting of the Board in Nov. Bro. Alderman, from the bounds of the Union Association, was received upon the recommendation of bro. Fennell, who encouraged the Board to believe that the churches in the region

from which he came would furnish the means to meet his expenses. He was accordingly received and instructed to repair to the College, in a communication addressed to bro. Fennell, which he did soon after. As bro. Yates graduated in June last, the number of beneficiaries now under our patronage is four. We feel that it is cause of gratitude to God that we have been permitted to raise up and prepare one missionary to preach the gospel to the heathen. Bro. Yates has been received by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and expects to sail for China soon in company with bro. Shuck and others. This is an era of our labors in this State, and we hail it as the harbinger of a glorious change. Why should not North Carolina raise up and send out Foreign Missionaries as well as other sections of our country? Why is she not bound to do it if she admit the obligation of the great commission? And who knows but that many young brethren feel moved to this duty, and are kept back by the want of means to gratify themselves, or of proper encouragement to go? Let the churches become thoroughly missionary, as they will be when they become thorongly christian, and God will give us men in greater abundance for the Home and Foreign field. Certain plants in the vegetable kingdom flourish only in a congenial soil and climate. They spring up naturally no where else, and if transferred to uncongenial elements they wither and die. Missionaries and efficient ministers, grow only in a truly christian soil, and in a missionary atmosphere.—At the meeting of the Board in March a new regulation was adopted respecting beneficiaries and licentiates.—At the instance of one of the Professors, the Board became responsible for the tuition of our licentiates who may study at Wake F. College. There are two reasons for adopting this regulation; one was the conviction entertained by the Board that theological students should be relieved from the expense of tuition, for which the laws of the Institution as yet make no provision.—The Trustees have not felt themselves able to adopt such an arrangement, and it is to meet this necessity that the Board have assumed the responsibility. If the means shall be furnished to meet the expense incurred by the measure, we shall be glad to continue it, if not we shall have to drop it. Another reason for the measure was that it would induce some to complete their course who would otherwise feel compelled to stop in consequence of inability to meet all the expense.

It was also agreed that the beneficiaries be hereafter

required to give notes for their board, to bear interest from the time they quit College. The principal reasons which led to the adoption of this measure were the following:

1. It was thought that many young brethren, who needed assistance, would accept the aid of the Board as a *loan*, who would not as a *gift*.

2. That it would stimulate the beneficiaries to make a better use of their advantages, on the principle that that which costs something, is more apt to be prized and used than that which costs nothing.

3. That it would increase our means of doing good by the accumulation of a permanent fund, while the beneficiaries would receive all the aid that could be reasonably desired. It substitutes the preserving and accumulating process for the exhausting one.

Under the former arrangement we were continually exhausting our means—when appropriations were made to beneficiaries they could do no more, and passed away. Under the present arrangements we retain all the funds we raise for education with increase; and the same means which aid one young man may, in the course of years, aid many.

FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.

Besides the delegates appointed at our last annual meeting to the Southern Baptist Convention, which convened at Richmond in June last, three others were afterwards appointed by the Board. The Secretary was appointed to represent the funds collected by Rev. J. B. Taylor, Cor. Sec. of the For. Board, as he passed through our State last year, which amounted to a little more than a hundred dollars. And Rev. J. J. James and N. J. Palmer were appointed upon the faith of funds expected at this meeting; they giving a draft for the amount necessary to entitle them to membership, which is to be paid from the Foreign Mission fund of this year's receipts; with the understanding that should this fund fall short the latter is to meet the deficiency.

The present is an era in the history of Foreign Missions. The millions of China are now accessible, and circumstances seem to have devolved upon Southern Christians the duty of giving them the word of life. A Board has been located at Richmond to receive and apply the means of the Southern churches for the benefit of the heathen, and nothing is now wanting but men and means enough to give, under the blessing of God, an unusual impetus to the evangelization of the world. It

is expected that we shall be permitted to set apart one missionary to the Foreign field during the present session, and it is hoped that his example will be followed by many others. It should be remembered that ministers, like other blessings, are given in answer to prayer, and christians should make special supplication to God for an increase of laborers when the harvest is so plenteous.

SECRETARY.

The duties of the Secretary, during the past year, have been unusually arduous. By combining the duties of Rec. and Cor. Secretary together, and requiring the Board to meet monthly, the labor of the office has been greatly increased. The principal difficulty, however, has arisen from the want of documents and papers connected with our past operations. The proceedings of the Board have not heretofore been recorded in any book, to which we could refer;—we have not been able as yet to get a complete file of the Minutes of the Convention; and some of the papers connected with the proceedings of our last anniversary have not been found. Except the Report on Education, however, it is believed there is no material omission in the published minutes. The proceedings of the Board during the past year have been recorded in a permanent form for future reference.—Written commissions were sent to each of the missionaries and agent, giving special instructions respecting their fields of labor, and the duties expected of them.—A constant correspondence has been kept up with individuals and religious bodies, with a view of awakening a greater interest in the objects which we are seeking to promote, it is hoped, with some good effect; and for the same purpose several Associations and other bodies have been visited personally, at two of which collections were taken up, amounting to $42 22. The amount expended by the Secretary for a book of record, postage, and travelling expenses in the service of the Board is $38 22.

FIELDS OF LABOR.

We think it the proper course to direct our attention *exclusively* to destitute sections and feeble churches.—Churches which are supplied with pastoral labor ought not to expect to be visited by missionaries merely because they contribute to the funds. But as the destitution is beyond the present means of supply, we think the true policy is to cultivate, thoroughly, the most needy and important points first. Special attention ought first to be given to the towns, and then the most

suitable places in the country. The New Testament plan is "*to begin at Jerusalem.*" The great mistake with us in this State has been the neglect of the towns, particularly in the middle and western parts of the State. A change has lately commenced for the better, which we trust will go on with increasing vigor. Churches have sprung up in Yanceyville and Milton, and measures are in operation for putting up houses of worship in Hillsborough and Oxford; and if suitable ministers can be employed at these places there is reason to hope interesting churches may be established there in the course of time. The church in Louisburg ought to be supplied regularly with preaching, and has claims upon our assistance. Edenton also ought to have a preacher, nor ought Windsor, Greensborough and Salisbury to be overlooked. In the country, destitute and important fields meet us on every hand, calling for help. It is with heavy hearts that we survey the destitution around us, and then consider our limited resources to supply it. In view of this scene will not our ministering brethren give themselves more fully to the duties of their profession? Will not our young brethren consecrate themselves to this work? And will not the churches furnish the means to sustain them while thus engaged? If Rail Roads are to be built, or Banks established, or the defences of the country undertaken, capital is furnished in abundance, the best talents are employed, and systematic effort is put forth till the result is accomplished. Why can we not come up to the work before us with equal zeal and liberality?

AUXILIARIES.

The Western Convention, an auxiliary of this body, held its second session at Boiling Spring, Henderson county, in August last. The proceedings were spirited and harmonious. We regret that the delegates appointed from this body failed to meet with them, except bro. Lineberry. The brethren in the West are making an effort to build up the Redeemer's Kingdom in that section of the State, which has been too much neglected heretofore, and they ought to have our encouragement and support.

As a general principle in relation to auxiliaries, the Board are of opinion that it is best for the churches to be made auxiliares to the Convention, as far as practicable. It may be necessary sometimes to adopt other modes of operation; but we are decidedly of opinion that this is the best plan as a general thing. It will save time and trouble. It certainly is as convenient to send funds that

may be raised by a church to the Treasurer of the Convention, as it is to send them to some other organization to be forwarded by them to the Convention. And when the Convention is placed so far in the distance, and has to be reached through intervening organizations, its claims will not be seen so clearly nor be met so promptly as when they are laid directly before every church.

FINANCES.

For a detailed account of our finances we refer to the reports of the Treasurer and of the Committee on contributions. It will be seen that the receipts amount to $1938 86, leaving a deficit of more than $440.

SUGGESTIONS.

In the opinion of the Board some change is required in our organization. With our present arrangements too much labor devolves on a few individuals. Our Board is entrusted with the management of three distinct departments, viz: Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Education; and the same persons who have to perform most of the work in this Board, are also on the Boards of the Bible and Publication Societies. We think it is best to divide the labor: to organize three Boards—one for each object, and to locate them in different sections of the State. This will secure a greater number of laborers, and accomplish, it is thought, as much for each object as is now done for all. The subject is respectfully submitted to the Convention in the hope that some change will be made that will give greater efficiency to our operations.

It is thought that the Board need not at present be required to meet oftener than quarterly, at which times the missionaries should be required to make reports of their labor, upon the punctuality of which their payments should depend. We think it indispensable to the success of our operations that the missionaries should be paid quarterly or semiannually; they must suffer great inconvenience when they have to wait till the end of the year, and sometimes longer, for their payments, such as no other laborers would submit to, and we shall never be able to get a sufficient number of the right sort of men till this part of our operations is improved.

To effect this a change will have to be made in the financial department. Immediate contributions will be necessary. Auxiliaries, instead of waiting till the end of the year to forward their funds by their delegates, will have to send them to the Treasurer of the Convention

during the year, and then the Board can draw upon the Treasurer for the quarterly payments of the missionries. Besides other advantages arising from this plan, it would enable the Board to keep their expenditures within the limits of their means.

We furthermore suggest the propriety of bringing all our Domestic Missionary operations, within the bounds of this Convention, under the supervision of one Board. Some of the reasons which urge this arrangement are the following: 1. One Board is sufficient for this department within the limits specified. 2. It would enable us to ascertain at each anniversary what was done throughout the State for Home Missions during the year. 3. It would awaken a deeper sympathy in behalf of the Convention—it would increase our contributions and representation—it would give unity and vigor to our efforts, and thus greatly increase our efficiency.

We know it will be said by some, that they can manage their own missionary affairs, and need not the aid of a general Board; so some familes may say they can manage their affairs without the aid of a State government; but then there are many others that cannot; and to promote the interests of the whole they unite under one government. If some few sections can employ and superintend their own missionaries, many others cannot; and any one who will carefully examine the matter must see that the interests of all will be best promoted by concentrating our efforts and resources. If those who are able to sustain their own missionary operations confine their means and efforts *at home*, where are the means and efforts to come from to supply the destitute in other sections? The Convention cannot live, much less meet the many demands upon it for aid, if sectional arrangements drain it of men and means. If sectiontional arrangements can do the work better than a general organization, let us abolish the latter and adopt the former; but if it can be better done, as is believed, by a general organization, then let all sections unite in it.

The Board cannot close this Report without calling attention to a fact which they think deserves consideration. All must perceive that the efficiency of our operations in this State bears no proper proportion to our resources. With 40,000 members, and an aggregate amount of means which will compare with that of any other religious body, we have not averaged a *thousand dollars* a year for the benevolent objects under our patronage! We hear of revivals, and of large accessions to our churches annually, but we see no proportionate in-

crease of funds and efficiency. How are we to account for this state of things? The causes are no doubt various; but some of them may be found in the fact that the members are not properly *trained to duty* after they enter the church, and that there is too great a laxity in government and discipline. The efficiency of an army does not depend so much upon its numbers as upon its being thoroughly drilled and united ,as all history shows. And this is all that is lacking among our people to secure that prosperity which we profess to desire.

Let us then draw instruction from the history of the past—let us attend to facts as developed in the dealings of Providence—let us apply suitable remedies to what we find defective in our plans of operation, and consecrate ourselves afresh to the work before us. Arguments meet us from every point enforcing the exhortation, "whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." If we look back through sixteen years we shall observe changes which shall remind us that what we do must be done quickly. We find not in this assembly to day many who cheered us by their presence, and aided us by their counsels and means in the early sessions of this Convention. We look in vain to this table for an Armstrong, and to those seats for an Austin, a Culpepper, a Graham, a Thomson, and many others. They are gone, and we must soon follow them whether our work is finished or not.

If we look around us we see a generation, many of whom are without the means of grace, rapidly passing into eternity. And if we look before us the ascended Saviour meets us on his throne of judgment, calling each to account for his stewardship. If we listen to this united appeal we cannot remain as we are. Our efforts will become more vigorous—our means will flow more liberally into the treasury of the Lord—our prayers will become more fervent—and our scattered forces will be centered in one irresistible unity.

Report of the Financial Committee.

Your Committee would state that they have entered below no monies paid the Agent except the entire amount; and hence to ascertain the amount paid within the bounds of many Associations and by many churches, the amount below must be added to the amount paid the Agent. In one case the amount so found differs some cents from the amount reported to be raised by the church.

ASSOCIATIONS.	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	TOTAL.
Raleigh,	$ 20 97	$ 37 45	$ 24 00	$ 82 42
Beulah,	249 50	13 50	11 25	274 25
Pee Dee Union,	15 35			15 35
Union,	11 33	14 33	14 34	40 00
Chowan balance of 1845,	7 66	7 66	7 68	23 00
Chowan,	12 05	12 05	12 05	36 15
Bertie Union,	6 42	6 42	6 43	19 27
Tar River,	4 55	4 55	4 55	13 65
Liberty,	10 37			10 37
Yadkin,	11 00			11 00
Flat River,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
PeePee,	6 00	6 00	6 00	18 00
Amount from Associations,	358 53	105 29	89 64	553 46
CHURCHES.				
Wake Forest,	2 00	183 50	19 50	205 00
Soc. of Inquiry W. F. College,			15 00	15 00
Raleigh,	9 76	98 26	9 76	117 78
Piney Grove Miss. Society,	6 00	4 00		10 00
Bethel, Perquimons,	15 00		28 00	43 00
Yeopim,	5 00		5 00	10 00
Conoconary,		5 00	5 00	10 00
Newbern,	6 22	20 72	5 72	32 66
Smith's	4 45	1 60	82	6 87
Mt. Tabor,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Tarboro',	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Haywood,		10 00		10 00
Louisburg,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Mt. Pisgah,	2 90	5 50		8 40
Mineral Spring,	7 50	50	2 50	10 50
Gum Spring,	2 00	2 00	2 50	6 50
Bethel, Sampson,	5 00	6 75	3 00	14 75
Pleasant Grove, Anson.	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00
Pleasant Grove, Hertford,	4 00	4 00	4 75	12 75
Hester's,	50	13 25	6 25	20 00
Sandy Run,	3 66	3 66	3 68	11 00
Mt. Gilead F. M. S.	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Colerain,	5 91	21 16	2 93	30 00
PeeDee,	4 25		1 00	5 25
Flat Rock,		10 00		10 00
Smithfield,	5 75	2 25	2 00	10 00
Island Ford,	10 00			10 00

	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	TOTAL.
Connaritsa M. S.	5 75	5 25	1 00	12 00
Cedar Fork,		50 00		50 00
Tabb's Creek,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Cashie,	5 00		10 00	15 00
Beulah, Sampson,	6 00	1 00	3 00	10 00
Amount from Churches,	134 72	462 72	149 02	746 46
INDIVIDUALS.				
S. S. Biddle,	10 00		10 00	20 00
W. Dawson for bro. Yates,		1 00		1 00
J. Wiseman by bro. Devin,		2 50		2 50
Amount from individuals,	10 00	3 50	10 00	23 50
Sabbath collection,	17 33	17 33	17 34	52 00
Collection after the ordination of bro. Yates.—R. Furman, T. B. Barnett, C. W. Skinner, L. DuPre, D. DuPre, Mrs. E. Washington, S. Wait, Mrs. Stone, J. McDaniel, J. Buffalow, G. W. Thompson, J. J. James, J. Hudson, Mrs. E. Jiggetts, J. Dennis, Mrs. Palmer, D. S. Williams, S. S. Biddle, Mrs. Graham, J. F. Jordan, T. Meredith—each five dollars.		105 00		105 00
The following paid each $2: T. W. Graves, Mrs. Garrison, Mrs. Johnson, Miss L. Briggs,		8 00		8 00
Miss S. Alford,		1 00		1 00
From sundry persons,		16 95		16 95
Am't of col. after ordination,		130 95		130 95
RECAPITULATION.				
Amount from Associations,	358 53	105 29	89 64	553 46
" " Churches,	134 72	462 72	149 02	746 46
" " Individuals,	10 00	3 50	10 00	23 50
" " Sabbath col.	17 33	17 33	17 34	52 00
" " Col. after ordi'n,		130 95		130 95
" " Agent,	208 22	73 75	68 72	350 69
" " Bro. Devin,	27 50			27 50
" " Bro. Robertson,	5 00			5 00
" Received by Committee since the Convention,				
Carthlege Creek,	10 00	5 00	5 00	20 00
Brassfield's,	1 90	1 60	2 25	5 75
Flat River Association,	4 48	4 53	4 54	13 55
Sandy Cross,	5 00		5 00	10 00
	782 68	804 67	351 51	1938 86

JOHN B. WHITE, *Ch'm.*

Statement of the monies received by the Agent,

REV. WM. LINEBERRY.

	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	TOTAL
Perry's Chapel,	11 50			11 50
Peach Tree,	1 12 1-2		1 12 1-2	2 25
Bear Swamp,	2 50	1 00	1 00	4 50
Antioch,	1 75			1 75
Wm. Lee 50, Wm. Watson 1 00, Miles Bobbit 1 00.	2 50			2 50
Amount in Tar River Asso.	19 37 1-2	1 00	2 12 1-2	22 50
Miss. Society at Bethlehem,	10 00			10 00
Cool Spring,	85			85
Murfreesboro (Pub. Col.)	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00
" Missionary Society,	1 08	1 08	1 09	3 25
Ramoth Gillead,	5 53		5 53	11 06
Smith's Church,	2 03	2 03	2 04	6 10
Spence's Meeting House,	91	87 1-2	1 01	2 79 1-2
Sawyer's Creek,	2 27	2 27	51	5 05
Providence,	1 40	50	84	2 74
Elizabeth City,	4 36	4 36	4 36	13 08
Bethel,	3 62	2 25	3 00	8 87
Edenton,	10 00			10 00
J. P. Freeman,			50	50
Oliver P. Savage,	1 00			1 00
Mary M. Wood,	2 00		2 00	4 00
Rebecca Blount,	10 00			10 00
Mary Pender,	50			50
Sarah A. Keath,	50			50
Amount in Chowan Asso.	57 05	14 36 1-2	21 88	93 29 1-2
Washington,	4 75			4 75
J. D. Elwell,	1 00			1 00
Greenville,	3 75			3 75
Harriett's Chapel,				
Mary A. Metts,	5 00		5 00	10 00
Mrs. Carroway,		5 00		5 00
S. B. Carroway,	5 00		5 00	10 00
Mrs. Metts $3, Miss Metts 2,	5 00			5 00
Mrs. Loftin 50, M. Norcott 50, M. Biddle 1 00, P. Biddle 1 00, E. C. Duffee $1, S. Biddle $1, Dr. Duffee $1, S. Norcott $5,	11 00			11 00
Brices' Creek,	3 00	25	25	3 50
Piney Grove,	85			85
Wm. W. Pipkin,	1 00			1 00
W. Davis,	2 00		2 00	4 00
James Davis,	1 00			1 00
Bethel,		60		60
Concord,	1 30	75	1 00	3 05
Lisbon,	2 75			2 75
A. Whitty 50, J. Rhodes 50, J. Oliver 50,	1 50			1 50

	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	TOTAL.
Benj. Askew,	50	50		1 00
A. C. Williams,	50	50		1 00
J. McDaniel,	2 50		2 50	5 00
F. Fulford 25, H Potts 25, E Suroque 50,		1 00		1 00
T. J. Stevens,	50	50		1 00
Aaron Jones,			1 00	1 00
Bryant Cox,		50		50
J. Jackson $1, W. Cox $1,	2 00			2 00
Amount in Union Asso.	54 90	9 60	16 75	81 25
Johson Liberty, Raleigh As.	3 85			3 85
Sandy Creek Asso.	20 45			20 45
Cedar Falls,	2 00			2 00
Richard Dowd,	9 00	9 00		18 00
S. Dorcett 20, M. Brag 50,	70			70
Mr. White,	50	50		1 00
H. Brooks,	33	33	34	1 00
E. Webster,	25	25	25	75
S. W. Brooks,	25	25	25	75
T. Brooks,		50		50
S. A. Brantly,	10	10	7	27
Am't in Sandy Creek Asso.	33 58	10 93	91	45 42
Buffaloe,	80		80	1 60
Hester's,	4 17	37	1 00	5 54
Mt. Zion,	70	80		1 50
Mt. Moriah,	1 75		1 00	2 75
Brassfields,	1 75	1 25	1 25	4 25
Fellowship,	50	9 95	50	10 95
Concord,	5 25	4 00	87 1-2	10 12 1-2
Amount in Flat River Asso.	14 92	16 37	5 42 1-2	36 71 1-2
Hogan's Creek,	5 00			5 00
S. Watkins,		50	50	1 00
Milton,		1 66	1 67	3 33
G. H. Chaplin 50, D. Smith 25, G. S. Gaulding $1,			1 75	1 75
W. Russell $5, S. S. Lee 50, W. Lee $1,			6 50	6 50
T. J. Valentine,		50		50
H. Motley,		25	25	50
M. Moyers,		15	15	30
W. L. Urila,		50	50	1 00
John Kerr,		2 00	2 00	4 00
A. A. Patillo,		25	25	50
E. W. West,		1 00	1 00	2 00
Mrs. Sutte,		50	50	1 00
Amount in Beulah Asso.	5 00	7 31	15 07	27 38

	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	TOTAL.
Cross Roads,	1 00			1 00
Bethel,	25			25
Ebenezer,	1 00			1 00
Kendall,	2 50	37	88	3 75
Mineral Spring,			50	50
Carthledge Creek,	4 95	75	2 75	8 45
Gum Spring,	3 50			3 50
Saron,	3 35	25	1 80	5 40
A. Leach $1, W. M. Ruther, 50, J. Ruther 50,	2 00			2 00
P. Parker, F. M. 50, Y. Allen, H. M. $1,	1 00	50		1 50
Amount in PeeDee Asso.	19 55	1 87	5 93	27 35
Western Convention,		12 30	63	12 93
RECAPITULATION.				
Amount in Tar River Asso.	19 37 1-2	1 00	2 12 1-2	22 50
" Chowan "	57 05	14 36 1-2	21 88	93 29 1-2
" Union "	54 90	9 60	16 75	81 25
" Sandy Creek "	33 58	10 93	91	45 42
" Raleigh "	3 85			3 85
" Flat River "	14 92	16 37	5 42 1-2	36 71 1-2
" Beulah "	5 00	7 31	15 07	27 38
" PeeDee "	19 55	1 87	5 93	27 35
" Western Conv'n.		12 30	63	12 93
	208 27 1-2	73 74 1-2	68 72	350 69

A list of Contributions as reported by R. J. Devin, Missonary of the Convention, for the Liberty and Yadkin Associations.

The following funds were contributed for Home Missions:—D. Holman 1 00, C. McBride 50, I. May 25, J. Frost 2 00, W. Howell 1 00, J. Shaver 37 1-2, E. Holman 1 00, R. Holman 50, J. Wiseman 2 50, Baptist Chapel 1 80, sundry individuals 45, by collection at Brier Creek Association 9 37 1-2, W. Myers 25, J. Eaton 1 00, J. Roby 50, Eaton's church 5 00.—Total, $27 50.

Treasurer's Report.

N. C. Baptist State Cnovention in account with J. S. Purify, Treas.

	H. M.	F. M.	ED.	TOTAL.
Dr.				
To error in Financial Report of last year,		22 22		22 22
" Balance in the hands of the Treasurer last year,	20 50		46 32	66 82
" Cash of Financial Committee, 1846,	782 68 1-2	804 66 1-2	351 51	1938 86
	802 18 1-2	826 88 1-2	397 83	2027 90
Cr.				
By cash paid M.T. Yates' board, Fall session, 1845,			28 00	28 00
" " " Eld. Lineberry Agent,	136 66	136 66	136 68	410 00
" " " M. T. Yates, (sent up for his benefit,)		63 00		63 00
" " " on draft in favor of F. M. Board,		200 00		200 00
" " " Bro. Shuck and Taylor for F. M. Board by Wake Forest and Raleigh churches,		124 52		124 52
" " " E. Dodson, H. M.	240 00			240 00
" " " T. Meredith printing Minutes 1845,	33 33	33 33	32 34	100 00
" " " for Secretaries' expenses,	12 86	12 86	12 88	38 60
" " " R. J. Devin, H. M. in part,	92 50			92 50
" " " J. Robertson do.	105 00			105 00
" " " S. Wait in part for board of A. B. Alderman,			25 00	25 00
" " " Mrs. Gaines for board of Yates, O'Bryan and Jackson, for 1846,			140 00	140 00
" " " J. B. White in part for board of L. Finch '46,			35 00	35 00
" " " A. Thomas Treasurer F. M. Board,		256 51 1-2		256 51 1-2
" " " E. W. West H. M. in in full,	50 00			50 00
" " " M. Bennett do. in part,	132 83 1-2			132 83 1-2
" Error of Financial report of 1845,			22 22	22 22
	803 18 1-2	826 88 1-2	433 12	2063 19
Over paid by the Treasurer and due him from Convention,			35 29	35 29
			397 83	2027 90

The Education department is in debt about $340.
The Home Mission " " " " 100.

JAMES S. PURIFY, *Treasurer.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Raleigh, Oct. 17, 1846.

The first annual meeting of the N. C. Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society was held in the Baptist Church.

At 3 o'clock P. M. the Society was called to order by Rev. J. J. Finch, President. Prayer by Rev. S. Wait.

On motion of Rev. J. J. James, a committee of three was appointed to attend upon the audience, and procure members of the Society. Committee—J. J. James, C. W. Skinner and T. B. Barnett.

The Constitution and Rules of Order were read.

On motion, a committee of three were appointed to nominate officers of the Society for the ensuing year.

On motion of Rev. J. J. James, the Secretary read the following annual Report of the Board of Managers, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

Immediately after the organization of our Society, the Rev. W. Lineberry was appointed its agent, but in consequence of his subsequent appointment as agent of the Convention, he declined serving, and we elected brother Valentine of Yanceyville, to fill the vacancy this occasioned; who was written to upon the subject and urged to accept the appointment, which he declined doing in consequence of numerous engagements of a private nature. Since which time we have supplied brethren Lineberry, DuPre and others with books, &c.; who not having furnished the Society with a report of their success, we are unable to furnish any encouraging information. You will perceive, from our inability to procure the services of an efficient agent, that the operations of the Society have been exceedingly limited; nevertheless, we trust much good has been accomplished, and feel fully satisfied that, by judicious management, the objects of the Society will ultimately succeed. We would recommend, instead of an agent being appointed for the Society, that the agent and missionaries of our Convention be requested to act as colporteurs, with such instructions and remuneration as, in your wisdom, you may deem expedient. For a knowledge of the amount of books received and sold during the fiscal year, we refer you to the report of the Dep. Agent.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The Society was entertained by exceedingly interesting addresses from the following brethren on the subjects contained in the Report, viz. Rev. J. B. Taylor of Richmond, Va., S. Wait, J. Robertson, R. J. Devin, N. J. Palmer, Lewis DuPre, J. J. James, T. W. Graves, E Holland and J. S. Purify.

On motion, the Treasurer, J. F. Jordan, read the following repeport;

Mr. President:—As Agent for the North Carolina Sunday School and Publication Society, I beg leave to report, that I have received books from the Am. Baptist Publication Society, to the amount of $221 15.

Of that amount I have sold for cash,	$141 26
I have books on hand to the amount of	79 89
	$221 15

I received of one of your Vice Presidents, brother Palmer, on the 25th of October last $8 00. I have paid out for incidental expenses, freight, &c., $8 65. Balance on hand, subject to your order, $140 61 in money, and $79 89 in books.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. JORDAN, *Dep. Agent.*

On motion of Rev. J. B. Taylor, it was *Resolved*, That our ministering brethren throughout the State be earnestly requested to exercise their influence in the circulation of such books and tracts as may be procured from our depository.

Resolved, That the churches be encouraged and urged to form Sunday Schools within their respective limits, and to employ every means in their power to promote their increase and efficiency.

On motion of N. J. Palmer, it was *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be instructed to settle for the books out of the funds in his hands, and those which may be collected at this time.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Board of Managers of the Society be instructed to appoint the agent and missionaries of the State Convention as Colporteurs.

On motion, a Committee, consisting of T. B. Barnett, S. S. Biddle and N. J. Palmer, was appointed to nominate a suitable person to deliver the next annual address before the Society. They reported Prof. J. B. White, who was approved.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Constitution be so amended as to make it $10 to constitute a life member, and $25 a life director.

The following brethren were constituted life members, at the instigation of Rev. R. Furman, by the payment of $10, viz. R. Furman, W. T. Brooks, J. S. Purify, C. W. Skinner and N. J. Palmer, who contributed ten dollars worth of books in place of ten dollars in money.

The Committee appointed to procure members of the Society reported the following, viz: S. S. Biddle, Lewis DuPre, J. J. Finch,† P. F. Pescud,† E. Washington,† J. B. White,† S. Smith,† Susan Graham, Sarah A. Stone, J. J. Biggs,† J. M. Roberts,† Samuel Wait, James Dennis, W. W. Vass,† T. B. Barnett, J. J. James, N. J. Palmer, T. Meredith and T. W. Graves.

The Committee to nominate officers reported the following, which were concurred in:

J. J. Finch, President; T. B. Barnett, 1st Vice President; N. J. Palmer, 2d do.; P. F. Pescud, Cor. & Rec. Secretary; J. F. Jordan, Treasurer and Depository Agent.

Board of Managers—C. W. Skinner, S. S. Biddle, S. Wait, J. Dennis, J. S. Purify, J. J. James, T. Meredith, L. DuPre, W. W. Vass, W. T. Brooks and J. J. Biggs.

On motion, the Society adjourned to meet at early candle light, when Rev. J. J. James delivered an eloquent and spirited discourse on the objects of the Society, before a large audience; after which a collection was taken up amounting to $5 30, and the following additional members obtained, viz: Caroline Flanner,† Jane Reid,† E. Reid,† J. P. O'Brien,† J. G. Barkley, H. K. Ellyson and Nancy Dean.

On motion, the Society adjourned to meet again during the session of the next annual State Convention.

JOSIAH J. FINCH, *President*,

P. F. PESCUD, *Secretary*.

Those marked thus † not paid.

Proceedings of the N. C. Baptist Bible Society.

Raleigh, Oct. 16, 1846.

The Society met at the Baptist Church at 3 o'clock P. M. The President, Rev. S. Wait, took the chair and called the meeting to order.

Prayer by Rev. J. B. Taylor.

On motion of J. J. Finch, W. T. Brooks, Wm. Jones and J. Solomon, were appointed to receive contributions from auxiliaries. The following were reported with the delegation annexed:

Beulah Bible Society—J. J. James, B. Patillo, T. W. Graves, N. J. Palmer. *Raleigh Association*—J. Norwood. *Bertie Union Meeting*—Dr. S. J. Wheeler. *Flat River Asso.*—H. Hester, F. Curing, Wm. Jones, T. Meredith, W. H. Jordan, J. Dennis, L. DuPre, W. W. Vass, T. B. Barnett, W. Parham.

N. J. Palmer and T. Meredith were appointed a committee to nominate officers and a Board of Managers for the ensuing year. The committee reported the following, which were concurred in:

Rev. J. J. James, President; Rev. J. J. Finch, Rev. S. Wait and J. Kerr, Vice Presidents; N. J. Palmer, Cor. Secretary; J. F. Jordan, Rec. Secretary; J. J. Biggs, Treasurer.

Board of Managers—J. B. White, W. T. Brooks, P. F. Pescud, D. S. Williams, Wm. Lineberry, T. Meredith, J. Dennis, W. W. Vass, L. DuPre, G. W. Collins, J. S. Purify, C. Graves, G. W. Purify, M. B. Royster, J. Hudson.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

To amount received of the Finance Committee at the last annual meeting of the Society,		$181 08
To amount from the PeeDee Associational Bible Society,		30 00
" " from Depository Agent, sale of Bibles,		29 35
" " subscriptions collected,		5 65
" " from Rev. L. DuPre,		222 15
		$468 23
By Am't, paid for Bibles and Testaments,	120 00	
" " " Rev. R. Jacks, Agent,	50 00	
" " " Rev. T. Meredith for printing Minutes,	5 00	
" " forwarded to Parent Society,	30 00	
" " for exchange on draft on N. Y.	90	
" " For freight on 2 boxes Bibles,	3 88	209 78
		$258 25
" Public collections and contributions		49 35
" " Paid by Mt. Gillead church Female Society,		5 00
" " " Rev. J. Dennis for Cedar Fork Bible Society,		18 25
" " " Cash Subscriptions,		4 00
To am't from the Cape Fear Bible Soc. per Mr. J. M. Beasley.		35 25
		370 30

J. J. BIGGS, *Treas.*

On Motion, Rev. J. B. Taylor was requested to preach the annual sermon in behalf of the Society, in place of Rev. J. Dennis absent.

The dollar and fifty cents received for the Burman Bible, were ordered to be forwarded to the Board at Boston.

On motion, the members of the Union Association present, were invited to take seats.

The Report of the Board of Mangers was called for. Report recommitted.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to forward so much of the funds as he has received from the Agent of the Am. & For. Bible Society, as were intended for the foreign Field, to the Board at Richmond.

On motion of Prof. J. B. White, the article of the Constitution making this Society auxiliary to the Am. & For. Bible Society *was stricken out.*

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay for the Bibles purchased.

The committee on contributions made the following report:

Raleigh Association $10 35, Beulah do. $10, Flat River do. $2, Bertie U. M. $1, T. Meredith 1, S. Wait 1, J. Solomon 1, W. T. Brooks 1, E. W. Brooks 1, D. S. Williams 1, C. W. Skinner 1, T. Crocker 1, L. Perry 1, J. G. Barkley 1, S. L. O'Brien 1, D. DuPre sen. 1, D. DuPre jr. 1, Mary P. White 1, J. McDaniel 1.

Adjourned to meet after the sermon to night.

9 o'clock, P. M.

Society met according to adjournment. $5 were received from Mt. Gillead Female Society.

On motion, adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

October 20, 1846.

The Society met at the call of the President, in the lecture room of the Baptist Church, at 3 o'clock P. M. President in the chair. N. J. Palmer was appointed Secretary pro. tem.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay $5 for printing the minutes, and that the balance of the funds for the Home Department be laid out in the purchase of Bibles and Testaments from the Am & For. Bible Society, and that the funds for foreign distribution be sent to the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That we will receive no funds from any Agent of the Am. & For. Bible Society, after the end of this year.

On motion of N. J. Palmer, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Society, and they are hereby tendered to Rev. J. B. Taylor for his excellent sermon delivered before the Society, and that a copy of the same be requested for publication in the Baptist Preacher.

On motion, it was ordered that the Constitution of this Society, and its proceedings, be published with the minutes of the Convention at their expense.

Rev. T. Meredith was appointed to preach the anniversary sermon.

On motion, adjourned to meet on Friday before the 3d Sunday in Oct. 1847, with the State Convention.

J. J. JAMES, *President.*

J. F. JORDAN, *Rec. Sec.*

ASSOCIATIONS.	Date of Report.	When Constituted.	No. of Churches.	Ordained Ministers.	Licentiates.	Baptized.	Total.	CLERKS AND POST OFFCES.
Abbott's Creek,	1845	1825	11	4		4	284	J. Davis, Abbott's Creek.
Bear Creek,*	1845	1834	10	4		3	261	C. Tolson, Burnsville.
Beulah,	1845	1834	13	6	1	267	1012	G. W. Purify, Chapel Hill.
Big Ivy,	1843	1829	13	11	5	72	467	L. Palmer, Ivy P. O.
Brier Creek,	1845	1821	18	17	5	36	686	J. Martin, (dec'd 1846) Brier Creek.
Cape Fear,	1845	1805	47	12	15	164	3355	H. Lenon, Big Swamp.
Catawba Riv'r,	1843	1826	15	8		18	305	T. Carleton, Perkinsville.
Chowan,	1846	1806	42	25	10	378	6470	S. J. Wheeler, Murfreesborough.
Contentnea,*	1844	1823	17	5		21	555	Ichabod Moore, Saratoga.
Council,	1844	1836	4	3		9	155	Allen Whitfield.
Country Line,*	1844	1806	21	17	2	36	1314	S. I. Chandler, Ebenezer.
Fisher's Riv'r,*	1845	1832	13	5		6	254	H. Steele, Little Yadkin.
Flat River,	1846	1794	18	5	4	65	2203	T. B. Barnett, Abram's Plains.
French Broad,	1843	1807	13	10	2	8	455	L. L. Branson, Burnsville.
Green River,	1844	1841	23	10	6	78	1022	J. C. Grayson, Golden Grove.
Kehukee,*	1846	1771	40	16		29	1154	J. D. Biggs, Williamston.
Lewis' Fork,	1845	1836	18	9		42	763	R. L. Steele, Harper's Store.
Liberty,	1845	1832	12	6	4	21	589	A. Williams, Reed's Cross Roads.
Little River,*	1844	1829	20	12			400	J. H. Kennedy, Smithfield.
Mayo,*	1843	1809	10	4	2	15	358	Wm. Fewell, Madison.
Mountain,*	1845	1790	24	9		61	1134	A. B. McMillan, Jefferson.
PeeDee,	1845	1815	16	7	4	49	1121	A. N. Nicholson.
Raleigh,	1845	1806	27	22	7	181	2955	S. P. Norris, Holly Spring.
Salem,	1845	1838	19	7	2	115	759	J. Brevard, Fairview.
Sandy Creek,	1845	1758	23	9	5	146	1760	N. Richardson, Temperance Hill.
Tar River,	1845	1831	18	6	6	313	2074	W. D. Webb, Belford.
Three Forks,	1845	1841	13	8	3	14	642	R. Gentry, Jefferson.
Tuckasiege,	1845	1829	19	9	1	113	1607	G. F. Caler, Franklin.
Union,	1845	1844	35	17		169	2796	A. J. Battle, Goldsboro.
Valley River,	1845	1840	21	8	2	155	692	E. Hedden, Ga.
White Oak,*	1842	1829	16	7	1	16	387	R. Amans, Onslow C. H.
Yadkin,	1845	1790	14	12		67	678	A. W. Martin, Hamptonville.
Freewill,	1844		71	57		145	3376	

* Anti Missionary.

List of Baptist Ministers in North Carolina.

Licentiates are in *Italic.*

A Abernathy, Drawing Creek;
M J Abernathy, Lincolnton;
Z B Adams, Brier Creek;
Wm F Adams, do.;
Jesse Adams, do.;
Jesee Adams, Smithfield;
Jno Adams, Hayfield;
Jesse Ammons, Ivy;
Joshua Ammons, Franklin;
Levi Andrews, Clover Garden;
T Andrews, Ashville;
James Armstrong, White Oak;
James Arrawood, Burnsville;
Jordan Ashley, Church's Store;
W A Atkinson, Rolesville;
Wm Ayers, Whitesville;
Stephen Bazemore, Windsor;
J K Barbour, Smithfield;
Wm Bass, Greensville;
S Baldwin;
J Barrow, Wilmington;
J G Barkley, Jackson;
A J Battle, Goldsboro;
M Bennett, Tarboro;
L B Bennett, Heathville;
Benj Beach, Elksville;
Wm C Berry, Spartanburg, S C;
Wm P Biddle, Newbern;
Joseph Biggs, Williamston;
James Blythe, Cathey's Creek;
Luke L Branson, Burnsville;
Jacob Briniger, Jefferson;
Jno Brooks, jr do;
Wm T Brooks, Forestville;
G L Brown, Whitesville;
S Brown, Northington;
Green Brown, Jonesville;
Baily Bruce, Fairview;
D Bryant, do;
James M Bryant, Stocksville;
Leonard Buchanan, Beaver Creek;
James Bunn, Flemington;
Wm Burns, Roxboro;
Benj Bynum, Snowhill;
S Byrd, Burnsville;
G F Cater, Franklin;
J Cantrell, Flat Rock;
Thos Carleton, Perkinsville;
Eli Carroll, Jackson Hill;
B Carroll, Kenansville;
Joshua Carter, Hamptonville;
B H Carter, Rendall's Store;
G W Carraman, Kendal's Store;
J D Chandler, Reedsville;
S J Chandler, McMurray's Store;
Stephen Chandler, Roxboro;
E N Chaffin, Farmington;
W Chaffin, Hamptonville;
John Chastain, Fort Embrey;
H Cheek, Fishes' River;
Wm Church, Church's Store;
J Clark, Catawba Spring;
J B Clifton, Busbee's Store;
R P Claud, Mull's Grove;
D Cook, Worth's Store;
Willis Coggin, Gulf;
Blount Cooper, Hamilton;
S D Collins, Whitesville;
N P Corn, Flat Rock;
P C Connelly, Dockery's Store;
David Cox;
T Craig, Copenhagen;
A M Craig, Britton's Store;
Josiah Crudup, Staunton;
J Crutchfield, Emerson's Tanyard;
E Crutchfield, Patterson's Store;
W Cuthbreath;
J Q A Drake, Botanic Hill;
J N Daniel, Tarboro;
E Davis, Lanesborough;
Wm Dent, Warrenton;
Ruben Deaver, Ivy;
James Dennis, Hays' Store;
Wm Dewees, Franklin;
Wm Dickens, Tarboro;
Elias Dodson, Yanceyville:
P W Dowd, Holly Springs;
S Duty, Oxford;
D Dobbins, Rutherfordton;
G Douglas, Trap Hill;
Thos DuPre, Falkland;
Wm DuPre, Holly Springs;
Lewis DuPre, Raleigh;
Sam'l Dusenberry, Leesville;
Henderson Edwards, Belford;
Wm H Edwards, Flat Rock;
David Elder, Franklin;
J F Ellington, Smithfield;
Joseph Evans, FlatRock;
A Faw, Jefferson;
Jonathan Faw, do;
Jacob Faw, do;
M D Freeman, Louisburg;
J W Freeman, Fairview;

R Farthing, Cove Creek;
G Fennell, Harrell's Store;
S Ferguson, Wilksboro;
J J Fich, Raleigh;
E Forbes, Shiloh;
R Furman, Newbern;
Wm Garner, Hamptonville;
Seth Garrett, Franklin;
R Gentry, Worth's Store;
A J Gilbert, Emerson's Tanyard;
S Gibson, Quallatown;
Wm Goforth, New Hope;
J Green, Cove Creek;
L Griffin, Contentnea;
J Griffin, Greensville;
D Griffin, do;
J C Grayson, Golden Grove;
L Grimsley, Jefferson;
P Grimes, Hay Meadow;
S G Hamilton;
J Hall, Franklin;
Wm H Hamner, Mocksville;
L Hardison;
D Harrell, Windsor;
Wm Harrell;
Wm H Hardee, Jackson;
J Harrison, Hamptonville;
A Harris, Lilesville;
J Harrison, Fort Defiance;
D Hayes, Whitesville;
Wm Haynes, Waynsville;
J Haynes, Crabtree;
E Hester, Dutchville;
Wm L Hartson, Edenton;
D Harris, Mill Creek;
T Henson, Scott's Creek;
A Hildebrand, Lincolnton;
Wade Hill, Military Grove;
R Hinesly;
Wm D Holder, Franklin;
Wm Hooper, Forestville;
S Hold;
P Hadnett, Pittsboro;
Ezek Holland, Wadesboro;
Eli Holland, Smithfield;
B Holland, do;
T Hogwood, Pitch Landing;
C Howell, Franklin;
E Howell, South Quay, Va.;
J Howell, Holly Springs;
S Horn, Huntsville;
W Hollingsworth, Elizabethtown;
G W Huffham, Faison's Depot;
W Hudgins, Warrenton;
L A Hudson, Fairview;
G W Hughes, Murphy;
J Hunnicut, Forestville;
L Horton, Wakefield;
Wm Hyman, Tarboro;
R Jacks, Jefferson;
J Jackson, Forestville;
J J James, Yanceyville;
M W Jones, New Lebanon;
Wm Jones, Chapel Hill;
J Jones, Surry C H;
C Jones, Jefferson;
A Jones, Goldsboro;
Wm H Jordan, Williamsboro;
P Jordan, Elizabeth City;
R Jordan, Cathey's Creek;
T B Justice, Edneysville;
J H Kennedy, Smithfield;
J Kimsey, Hiwassee;
A Kinney, Jackson Hill;
J King, Blue Wing;
T King, Halifax Va;
J King, Hendersonville;
A King, Roxboro;
L Kingsbury, Rumford;
B T Kirby, Beattie's Ford;
B Lanier, Mt Lebanon;
H Lennon, Princess Ann;
D Lennon, Big Swamp;
J Lassiter, Smithfield;
J Lee;
Wm Lineberry, Lawrence;
C Livingston, Harper's Store;
G W Lovingood, Murphy;
J Lyon, Flat Rock;
J McDaniel, Wilmington;
J F McCall, Wadesboro;
B McBride, *Jefferson*;
L McCurry, Duncan's Creek;
Robert McKee, Country Line;
G W McNeely, Leaksville;
H McAlpin, Lexington;
W McNeely, Mays;
R McNabb, Kenansville;
N Martin, Fayetteville;
T Mason, do;
M Mason, Cathey's Creek;
Mark May, *Jonesville*;
T Meredith, Raleigh;
Wm H Merritt, Chapel Hill;
J Meares, Bladen C H;
E Mecorns, Stanhope;
M L Mizell, Windsor;
J Midcalf, Ivy;
N Mills, Tryon;
P Miller, Burnsville;
Wm Mince, Flat Rock;
J E Mingas, Quallatown;
Z Minor, Fair Grove;
J Monroe, Mount Pelier;
J Montague, Oxford;
Ichabod Moore, Saratoga;

S Moore, do;
C Moore, Gardner's Bridge;
S Moore, Tyson's Store;
S Morgan, Stocksville;
S P Morton, Albemarle;
E Morton, Lilesville;
D J Mott, Tarboro;
W E Mull, Franklin;
J Murray, Stantonsburg;
J Nash Elizabeth City;
Z Neal, Brown's Store;
D R Newton, Princess Ann;
B Nixon, Edenton;
A Norden, Fayetteville;
A Norman, Brier Creek;
N Norwood, Roxboro;
J Nowell, Coleram;
M Nowell, Eagle Rock;
Wm E Oakley, Dutchville;
S G O'Bryan, Forestville;
P Owen, Cowansville;
J R Owen, Lexington;
R Pardew, Brier Creek;
Wm H Pardew, Jonesville;
H P Parham, Burnsville;
D Parks, Jackson Hill;
B Padget;
D Pannill;
S Patrick, Columbia;
H W Patterson, Montfort's Cove;
A Peacock, Tarboro;
J F Pendergrass, Franklin;
M Peterson, Burnsville;
P Pnifer, Country Line;
W R Philpot, Tarboro;
D Phillips, Smithfield;
E Phillips, Temperance Hill;
C M Phillips, Stocksville;
Wm Pierce, Windsor;
P Pierce, Belford;
L Pipkin, Avensboro;
A Pleasant, Harper's Store;
S Pleasant, Roxboro;
P Powell, Hamptonville;
J Powell, Coneconara;
H Pressler, Diamond Hill;
F Prevat, Fayetteville;
J L Pritchard, Milton;
J Pritchard, Charlotte;
J Purify, Northington;
G W Purify, Chapel Hill;
J S Purify, Forestville;
P Puckett, Jacksonville;
L J J Puckett;
E Ramy, Fisher's River;
J Raynes, Franklin;
Wm Rees, Barnsville,
D J Rhea;
Jas Rhea, Burnsville;
Jesse Rhea, do;
E Rives, Jefferson;
R E Rives;
N Richardson, Temperance Hill;
Wm Richards, Walnut Lane;
M Rickman, Mill River;
J Robertson, Leaksville;
H Robbins;
J Robertson, Kenansville;
J Robertson, Leaksville;
J Rogers, Sampson C H;
J Ross, Windsor;
S Ross, Grayson, Va;
T J Rollins, Spartenburg, S C;
J Rowan, Lexington;
J Runnion, Ivy;
Wm M Rushing, Meltonsville;
A Sadbury, Onslow C H;
L Sanderlin, Shiloh;
D Sanderlin, Jonesboro;
J H Sasser, Smithfield;
N Senter, Jefferson;
S Senter, Holly Spring;
A Shattuck, Temperance Hill;
J Silver, Beaver Creek;
H M Sloop;
J Smith, Greensville;
Josiah Smith;
S P Smith, Wilksboro;
P Smith, Kinderhook;
S Snyder, Greensville;
R Shreeves, Wentworth;
C Sparks, Brier Creek;
Wm Solomon, Albemarle;
H Speight, Middle Swamp;
H Spivey, Louisburg;
J Stadler, Anderson's Store;
H Steele, Little Yadkin;
Hiram Stallings, Hallsville;
J Stevenson, Raleigh;
A B Stevens, Leesville;
S Stone, Albemarle;
Isham Stone, Lumberton;
S D Swain, Jonesville;
T Stradly, Ashville;
A Swain, Jamestown;
B Slides, Jamesville;
Wm Swanson, Duncan's Creek;
H Swinson, Snow Hill;
J Suckatowie, Franklin;
S Tatum, Elizabeth City;
N Taylor, Greenville;
B Temple, Raleigh;
S Terrill, Eagle Rock;
N H Tindall, Wright's Folly;
E Taylor, Contentnea;
N Thompson, Yadkin;
G M Thompson, Murfreesboro;
Q H Trotman, Mintonsville;
Wm Turner, Lexington;
O Turner, Lumberton;
G Tussey, Lexington;
D Umstead, Red Mountain;
T J Valentine, Yanceyville;
J Vaney, Harper's Store;

T Waff, Edenton;
S Watt, Forestville;
J Wallace, Washington;
G W Wallace, Kenansville;
A Wamble, Emerson's Tanyard;
B Ward;
P Ward, Jonesville;
J L Warren, Long Creek Bridge;
T Weaver, Chapel Hill;
J M Webb, Rutherfordton;
W Wells, Roxboro;
R Welborn, Jonesville;
I W West, Warsaw;
S Wilder, Eagle Rock;
J Wilder, Anderson's Store;
L F Williams, Clinton;
D S Williams, Fayetteville;
A Williams, Reed's Cross Roads;
Wm Wilson, Marley's Mills;
J Wilson, Sampson;
T Wilcox, Belford;
E Wicker, Powel's Point;
J Wilkie, Franklin;
W Wilkie;
B Willis, Yanceyville;
J Wilcoxson, Jefferson;
J Wilkinson, Norwood;
J B White, Forestville;
J Wheeler, Burnsville;
Wm White, Ballard's Bridge;
H White, Windsor;
Wm White, do;
H J White, St. John's;
Wm Whitaker, Williamston;
J G Woodall, Smithfield;
H Woodard, Lumberton;
J Woodard;
T Wright, Brier Creek;
M Wright;
Isaac Wright.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

N. C. BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Institution shall be called the *Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.*

ART. 2. The primary objects of the Convention shall be, the education of young men called of God to the Ministry, and approved by the churches to which they belong; the employment of Missionaries within the limits of this State; and a co-opperation with the Southern Baptist Convention in the promotion of Missions in general.

ART. 3. The Convention shall be composed of such individuals and of delegates from such bodies as shall contribute the sum of ten dollars whether the same be contributed to the general Treasury* or to the particular Boards hereafter to be constituted—which sum or sums shall be appropriated agreeably to the specific intentions of the donors.

ART. 4. The officers of this Convention, to be elected annually, shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor.—The President, and in case of his absence, the Vice President according to seniority, shall preside at all meetings of the Convention. The Secretary shall correspond with such Societies and individuals, and preserve a faithful record of the proceedings of the body. The Treasurer shall keep a correct account of all moneys, hold the same subject to the order of the Convention, make annual reports and give security for the faithful discharge of his duty. The Auditor shall carefully examine every report submitted by the Treasurer, compare the same with his books and report on the same.

ART. 5. The Convention shall elect annually three Boards to be denominated, the Education Board, the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board, and to be located at such places as the Convention shall, from time to time, direct.

ART. 6. Each Board shall consist of fifteen members; elect its own officers; prescribe their duties; appoint its own agencies; fill vacancies which occur during the recess of the Convention; hold quarterly and such other meetings at such times and places as may be thought best; keep a record of its proceedings; make such compensations to its officers and agents as shall be thought proper; have the entire management of the objects respectively submitted to them, subject, however, to the constitution of the Convention, and to such by-laws, or instruction as this body shall, from time to time, enact or give; and present annual reports of all their doings at the regular meetings of this body.

ART. 7. The Treasurer of each Board shall faithfully account for all moneys received and disbursed by him, make a report of the names to this body, which report shall be duly examined by the Auditor of the Convention.

ART. 8. The Convention shall hold its meetings at such times and places as it shall direct.

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* By "General Treasury," is meant that held by the Treasurer of the Convention, in distinction from that of each separate Board.

RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

N. C. Baptist State Convention.

1. Every meeting for business shall be opened and closed by prayer, either by the presiding officer, or some one whom he shall appoint.

2. Every speaker shall arise and address the President, on any subject to be discussed.

3. No motion shall be debated unless seconded; and no member shall speak more than twice on the same motion, without special leave of the Convention.

4. The President shall be chosen by ballot. The other officers in any way the Convention may direct, but not necessarily from among the members.

5. Every question shall be decided by the living voice, unless otherwise directed.

6. During the hours of business, all private conversation, walking across, or out of the house, without permission of the President first obtained, shall be deemed a breach of order.

7. The names of members shall be called each day, previous to proceeding to business.

8. All resolutions shall be reduced to writing, signed by the mover and handed to the chair or Secretary before debated.

9. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to postpone indefinitely, to commit, to lay on the table, or to amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged. But no motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under colour of amendment.

10. When a motion has been once made, and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for re-consideration thereof on the same day.

11. When the reading of a paper is called for, and is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Convention.

12. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

13. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

14. Should the presiding officer fail to enforce the foregoing regulations, he shall be regarded as untrue to his trust, and shall be liable to be reminded of his duty by any member present.

Constitution of the N. C. Bible Society.

Article 1. This Institution shall be denominated the North Carolina Bible Society.

Art. 2. The object of this Society shall be, to promote a wider circulation of the Scriptures in the most faithful versions that can be procured.

Art. 3. The members of this institution shall consist of such persons as shall contribute annually to its funds.

Art. 4. The officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, to whom shall be added a Board of 18 managers—all of whom shall be elected annually.

Art. 5. It shall be incumbent on the officers to perform the services appropriately belonging to their respective stations.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers, five of whom shall form a quorum, to transact all business demanding attention, during the intervals of the Society's meetings.

Art. 7. The annual meeting of this Society shall be held at the same place and on the same week, with the annual meetings of the Convention of this State.

Art. 8. The foregoing Constitution shall be subject to amendment by a vote of two-thirds, whenever exepediency shall dictate.

Errata.—In the 7th Line from the bottom, page 13, in the Report of the Board of the Convention, for *their* read *the*. In the last line on the 16th page, same report, the word *Prophetic* should be omitted. On the 19th page, near the middle, same report, for *gratify*, read *qualify*.